



# Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma

P.O. Box 110 Miami, OK 74355

March 15, 2018

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington DC

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma is located in Miami, Oklahoma and has been participating in the historic preservation review process with respect to wireless facilities deployment since 2005.

We have grave reservations regarding the Federal Communications Commission's claims to have conducted government-to-government consultation with Indian Tribes in advance of taking the action at issue here. It is certain that the record presented here, of bare dates and names of Nations and organizations, does not support the claim. Even were we to grant that the presented list of attendees at a particular meeting location is accurate in all cases, and that each attendee was given sufficient time to present his or her views, and that those views were actually taken in and considered, that would be a single conversation, not a full consultation process.

Tribal historic preservation review is vitally important to the whole of the process of historic preservation. Despite claims that any consultant can perform this work, and that the cheapest bidder can likely do it as well as anyone, this type of review requires familiarity with records that even the most earnest and diligent of non-Tribal consultants might not even have heard of. In some few instances, a simple check of modern location data vs. anthropological population data might be sufficient. Often,

however, Tribal records must also be consulted, and that information is kept by us for a reason. Looting and desecration of burial and other sacred sites is not consigned to the past. Denial of a reasonable fee to Tribes for historic preservation review is alarmingly short-sighted given that the Tribes have a unique interest, considerable knowledge, and the smallest pool of resources available to any standing group of participants in the historic preservation process. The fact that few of these construction projects have resulted in materially adverse effects is not evidence that the process is unnecessary, but, rather that the process is working as intended.

With respect to the claim that Tribal participation unduly burdens the review process, we hereby submit, appended to this letter, records of two incidents in the past four months in which the FCC had contacted the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma for supposed delinquency in addressing our duty to review and report. In both instances, the matter had already been properly addressed. Additionally, just since the beginning of this calendar year, 11 projects have been referred back to us as having undergone revisions significant enough to require our further review. These revisions are not due to Tribal input, but they will still require Tribal input, and we will need to draw on scant or nonexistent resources to do so in future.

Finally, the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma disagrees with the FCC's stated claim that it has the authority to redefine the meaning of the term "undertaking" under 36 C.F.R. Section 800. That term is defined in Section 800.16(y) and does not grant any agency the authority to later change it.

The Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma remains willing to discuss with representatives of the FCC and of the telecommunications industry the issues that are described in the Second Report and Order. We do not oppose technological progress, but we do want to help ensure that historic preservation and Tribal sovereignty are respected in that process. To that end, we now urge the FCC not to proceed with this Second Report and Order.

Sincerely,



Ethel E. Cook

Chief

### LIST OF PROPOSED COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS

Requester: Environmental Corporation of America

Attn: Dina Bazzill, 1375 Union Hill Industrial Ct., Alpharetta, GA 30004, 770-667-2040

TCNS#: 158477 Initial Notification Date: 06/29/2017 Location: E Washington Street and N Alabama Street, Indianapolis, IN , Detailed Description of Project: 9INB000641-D, Proposed pole within disturbed right-of-way

TCNS#: 158478 Initial Notification Date: 06/29/2017 Location: Off N Senate Ave, Indianapolis, IN , Detailed Description of Project: 9INB000677-C, Proposed pole within disturbed right-of-way.

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*11/15/2017*

Requester: Verizon Wireless

Attn: Terracon Consultants Inc, 3535 Hoffman Road East, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, 651-894-6625

TCNS#: 163095 Initial Notification Date: 10/26/2017 Location: 295 10th Avenue, Granite Falls, MN , Detailed Description of Project: Installation of a replacement light pole in the parking lot of Granite Falls Municipal Hospital.

*We got this on  
Dec 27th*

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Good Morning to all:

Attached is documentation for TCNS#'s 158477 & 158478.

If we can be of anymore, please let us know.

Thank you,

Chief Ethel E. Cook

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✓ TCNS#: 145312 Initial Notification Date: 11/03/2016 Location: Off 8th Street SW, Altoona,  
IA , Detailed Description of Project: 9IAB000218-DM90XS592B, Proposed pole within disturbed  
right-of-way 5-2-17

✓ TCNS#: 145646 Initial Notification Date: 11/10/2016 Location: Off W Locust Street,  
Davenport, IA , Detailed Description of Project: 9IAB000390-DM90XS349A, Proposed pole  
within disturbed right-of-way 5-2-17

✓ TCNS#: 145700 Initial Notification Date: 11/10/2016 Location: Off S Sheldon Avenue, Ames,  
IA , Detailed Description of Project: 9IAB000066-DM90XS135B, Proposed pole within disturbed  
right-of-way 5-2-17

✓ TCNS#: 145730 Initial Notification Date: 11/10/2016 Location: Off 79th Street, Justice, IL  
, Detailed Description of Project: 9ILB003618-CH90XSDA1G, Proposed pole within disturbed  
right-of-way 5-2-17

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TCNS#: 143060 Initial Notification Date: 09/22/2016 Location: Off US Hwy 31, Franklin, IN  
, Detailed Description of Project: 9INB001070/IN90XS683B 5-10-17

TCNS#: 143070 Initial Notification Date: 09/22/2016 Location: Off N Kirk Road, Batavia, IL  
, Detailed Description of Project: 9ILB004068/CH90XSHO3B 5-10-17

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Thank you!

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Jill and Dana,

Attached is the approval; back on May 10, 20107 for TCNS#'s 143060 & 143070, they are on the last page of the scan.

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